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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 18, 2009. As this response is being filed two months after the three month shortened statutory period, the Applicant petitions herein for a two month extension of time to extend the period of timely response to November 18, 2009. Applicant believes that no other extension of time is required. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any additional required fee, or for any deficiency in the enclosed fee.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 6 of this paper.